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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 30 Jan 2006.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on *****.

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other

2. MISCELLANEOUS

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b. ☐ Other

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

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